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Attorney Docket No. 400846/MELCO

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

TOYOSHIMA et al.

Application No. 09/738,855 ✓

Art Unit: 3729

Filed: December 18, 2000

Examiner: R. Chang

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING A MULTI-LAYERED WIRING BOARD

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2002, Applicants provisionally elect in response to the first species election requirement, the alleged species of Figure 1. Claims 1-9 read on the alleged species and therefore should be examined. As to these nine claims, claim 1 is clearly a generic claim since, in this group of claims, claim 1 is the only independent claim.

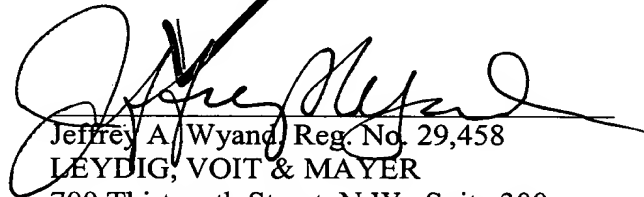
The Examiner demanded that a second election be made. In response to that demand, Applicants provisionally elect the alleged species A which, according to the Examiner, includes claims 3 and 6. As to the second species election requirement, the Examiner acknowledges that claims 1 and 2 are generic. Thus, in view of the second election, claims 1, 2, 3, and 6 should be immediately examined.

The second election is made with traverse as to the claims included within the alleged species. In addition to the claims enumerated above, claim 8 should also be immediately examined. Claim 8 depends from claim 3 although claim 8 was classified in a different species, namely species D. If species D had been elected so that claims 8 and 9 were examined, it is not understood how it would be possible to examine those claims without examining their intermediate dependent claims 3 and 4 as well as claims 1 and 2. In other words, the alleged species classification made by the Examiner is traversed in that species A should have included claims 3, 6, and 8 and species B should have included claims 4, 7, and 9. In view of the election of alleged species A, claim 8 should be examined along with claims 1-3 and 6.

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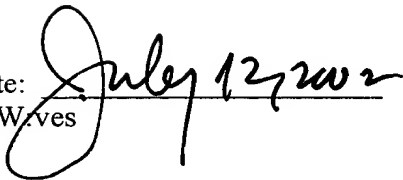
Since claim 1 has been acknowledged to be a generic claim, upon allowance of that claim, Applicants intend to rejoin to the prosecution, in any event, the claims that depend from claim 1 and that are not immediately examined, namely at least claims 4, 5, 7, 9, and 10. Prompt and favorable Action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action in the subject application.

☐ Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Petition for Extension of Time

- ☐ Applicants petition for a one-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$110.00 (enclosed).
☒ Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ Other:

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

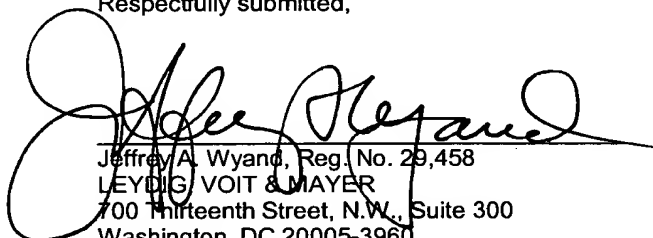
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